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SUBJ: KARDELJ RETURNS FROM SOVIET UNION

1. STATE PRESIDENCY MEMBER EDVARD KARDELJ AND WIFE RETURNED SEPTEMBER 10 FROM NINE-DAY VISIT TO SOVIET UNION. HE WAS MET LJUBLJANA AIRPORT BY SLOVENIAN PARTY AND GOVERNMENT LEADERSHIP.

2. KARDELJ'S RETURN STATEMENT MENTIONED VISIT TO NOVOSIBIRSK AND TALKS WITH POLITBUREAU MEMBER ANDREI KIRILENKO AND GENERAL SECRETARY LEONID BREZHNEV. HIS CONCLUSION: "THE TALKS WERE FRIENDLY, AND IN THEIR COURSE FULL AGREEMENT WAS EXPRESSED ON ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS OF MUTUAL COOPERATION AND ON CURRENT WORLD EVENTS."

3. KARDELJ'S VISIT FALLS IN FRAMEWORK OF INCREASING TEMPO OF YUGOSLAV-USSR EXCHANGES:

A) CROATIAN EXECUTIVE COUNCIL PRESIDENT JAKOV SIROTKOVIC OPENED NEW YUGOSLAV DEPARTMENT STORE ("JADRAN") IN MOSCOW SEPT. 4.
B) VLADIMIR NOVIKOV, DEPUTY CHAIRMAN USSR COUNCIL OF MINISTERS, ARRIVED BELGRADE SEPT 10 TO DISCUSS PROMOTION OF BILATERAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION.

C) ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF VIKTOR KULIKOV WILL ARRIVE BELGRADE SEPT 17 AT INVITATION OF GENERAL STANE POTOCAR, CHIEF OF YUGOSLAV

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GENERAL STAFF.

D) UNCONFIRMED REPORTS INDICATE SOVIET MINISTER OR MINISTERS DEALING WITH EDUCATION AND CULTURE WILL ARRIVE BELGRADE BEFORE END OF MONTH.

E) SOVIET NAVAL DELEGATION, OR HIGH-RANKING OFFICER, RECENTLY PRESENT IN BELGRADE. (DETAILS REPORTED DAO CHANNEL).

4. FRG EMBASSY HERE HAS INFORMATION THAT YUGOSLAVS HAD NOT DECIDED AS OF LAST WEEK WHETHER OR NOT TO PARTICIPATE IN UPCOMING PREPARATORY MEETING OF EUROPEAN CPS. THEY SPECULATE DECISION WAS DELAYED TO OBTAIN KARDELJ'S REPORT ON HIS VISIT.

5. RE KARDELJ'S ARRIVAL STATEMENT, THIS SEEMS TO US TO FALL ABOUT MIDWAY ON THE SCALE RUNNING FROM "FULL UNANIMITY ON ALL QUESTIONS" TO "FRANK AND OPEN EXCHANGE".
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